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The "racialized understandings" of Americans -- why not just call it racism? -- toward the Japanese was probably stronger than Japanese attitudes toward American. John Dower documents this in his book *War Without Mercy*. Suggest that the sentence be revised to reflect that.

The inclusion of the "comfort women" issue in the paragraph is puzzling. How does it compare with the dropping of the atomic bombs and the on-the-ground fighting in the Pacific? It might better included in a discussion of the impact of the war on women, who were the principal victims of bombing campaigns and in many countries the object of massive rapes by invading troops.

In any case, since estimates -- there are no solid number -- of the number of women involved range from 20,000 to 400,000. Therefore it is impossible to state that with certainty that it was "one of the largest cases of human trafficking in the twentieth century." Historians simply do not know that as fact so the phrase should be removed. It should also be mentioned that "comfort women" were recruited not only in Japanese-occupied territories but also in Japan itself.

Finally, estimates of the death toll in Hiroshima range from 70,000 to 140,000, and the estimates for Nagasaki range from 27,000 to 70,000. The numbers used in this paragraph should reflect that uncertainty. Numbers of those killed in conventional air raids should also be included. About 100,000 died in the 1945 raids on Tokyo